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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/16/2000

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
SSA [redacted]

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 6/GBRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
DBA - NEO HOM
UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LAOS
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Synopsis: To open case.

Reference: 163A-BK-342 Serial 297
2-MP-55311 Serial 1

Details: On April 19th, 1999, [redacted] both Hmong males and American citizens disappeared while on a trip to Thailand. Subsequent investigation has revealed that the men were part of a larger group of Hmongs that are headed by Major General Vang Pao, 12/8/29, and were involved in subversive activity to overthrow the Government of Laos (GOL).

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On May 4th,1999, two Hmong American males, [redacted] reported to the U.S. Consulate in Chiang Mai, Thailand that [redacted] had been kidnaped by agents of the GOL. Further investigation revealed inconsistencies with [redacted] statements.

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On September 3,1999, [redacted] a FBI polygraph examination about the incident. On September 12, 1999, [redacted] communicated to Officer [redacted] police officer for the Appleton Police Department, Appleton, Wisconsin, that [redacted] were part of a larger group

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IC: contacted & called left message to verify of case # 3-29-00

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that were going to infiltrate into Laos to cause a popular uprising to overthrow the GOL.

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On December 12, 1999, [redacted] communicated through [redacted] to SA [redacted] and Officer [redacted] that [redacted] was being prevented from telling the truth about the incident by General Vang Pao.

A case should be opened on [redacted] due his knowledge and participation in the neutrality act violation. The author believes [redacted] would provide full information about the incident as a result of an investigation.

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[redacted] (Protect Identity), [redacted]

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[redacted] provided the attached documents to SA [redacted] June 21, 1999. The documents refer to the disappearance of [redacted] on April 19,1999.

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] provided the attached documents to SA [redacted] during an interview on July 29, 1999. The documents refer to the disappearance of [redacted]

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Investigation on 07/29/1999 at [redacted]

File # 2-MP-55311 Date dictated 4/4/2000

by SA [redacted]

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Date of transcription 12/09/1999

[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [redacted]

b6 [redacted]
b7C [redacted] informed Special
b7D Agent (SA) [redacted] of the following information at the Hmong New Year Festival at Appleton North High School, Appleton, Wisconsin, on December 4, 1999. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he wanted to know the status of the case of the two missing Hmong American men and what steps were going to be taken in the future to try to get information from the
b6 Laotian Government.
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b7D [redacted] advised that [redacted] was being made by Major General VANG PAO to not tell the full truth about the incident of [redacted] which occurred on April 19, 1999. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] wants to tell the truth but the influence of the general was preventing him from doing so.

[redacted] advised that he had spoken with a man by the name of [redacted] who informed him
b6 that he had gone to Laos and talked with Laotian villagers who
b7C claimed to know the actually location of the burial site of [redacted]
b7D [redacted] The Loatian villagers informed [redacted] that they would be able to get some of the remains of [redacted] to verify his identity if the Loatian villagers could meet with an actual member of [redacted] [redacted] family. The Loatian villagers were not further identified and were reported to be untrusting of any government official from Laos or the West.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]
b6 [redacted] would go to [redacted] and ask that Major
b7C General VANG PAO allow [redacted] to tell the truth about the
b7D incident.

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b7C by SA [redacted] :dlg

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 10/26/1999

To: Bangkok
National Security
Sacramento

Attn: SSA [redacted]
Domestic Terrorism Unit
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SA [redacted]

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 6, GBRA
Contact: SA [redacted] (920) 432-3868

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] C:klj

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Case ID #: 163A-BK-342; (Pending) -167

Title: [redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
FPC - LAOS

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Synopsis: To report on varied documents of captioned case.

Enclosure(s): FD-302 of instructions to [redacted] FD-302 of interview with [redacted] FD-302 of photographs from [redacted] FD-302 of interview with [redacted] FD-302 of interviews with [redacted] [redacted] FD-302 of photographs with [redacted]

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Details: Patrol Officer [redacted] (**protect identity**), was interviewed on 9/21/99 about information advised to him by [redacted] on 9/12/99.

On 9/23/99, [redacted] was interviewed concerning the disappearance of [redacted] was provided with information on how witnesses in Thailand can contact the LEGAT for a polygraph examination. [redacted] also provided photographs of [redacted] and others who are knowledgeable in Thailand.

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On 9/23 and 10/14/99, [redacted] (**protect identity**), advised background information on the disappearance and on Major General Vang Pao.

On 10/8/99 [redacted] provided photographs of witnesses [redacted] and letters to U.S. Ambassador to Thailand Hecklinger.

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Date of transcription 09/23/1999

[redacted] (protect identity), [redacted]
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b7C [redacted] was interviewed at the Green Bay Resident
b7D Agency, Green Bay, Wisconsin. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

On 9/12/99, [redacted] advised to [redacted] that he was not an actual eye witness to the disappearance of [redacted] [redacted] on 4/19/99 in Thailand. [redacted] were
b6 not present at the Mekong River at the time of the disappearance.
b7C [redacted] heard of [redacted] crossing the Mekong River and
b7D their subsequent arrest from two Hmong immigrants who went to Laos with [redacted]

[redacted] went to Thailand specifically to arrange a military operation in Hoi-Xay
b6 province, Laos, to overthrow the local provincial government. [redacted]
b7C [redacted] purpose was to train resistance militiamen with explosives
b7D and small arms.

The plan entailed purchasing 3000 small arms in Thailand from an unknown military official. The sale was to be before the water festival in Thailand. The small arms were to be distributed to all the personnel involved. The arms deal did not go through due to unknown delays and only 20 rifles were secured.

The plan to overthrow Hoi-Xay province was aborted by order of General VANG PAO and [redacted] [redacted] became angry and said he would go to Laos on his own if
b6 necessary. [redacted] began to argue and [redacted] called [redacted] a
b7C coward and almost struck him for not wanting to go into Laos. [redacted]
b7D [redacted] and two Hmong illegal immigrants then crossed the border into Laos. [redacted] did not go with them to Laos.

Upon arrival in Laos, the four men stayed at a hotel by the Mekong River bank where they met some Laotian Government

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officials. The men believed the officials were their contacts and part of the resistance movement.

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[redacted] and the two Hmong immigrants met with [redacted] who indicated that he would arrange for a meeting with other local officials to spread the news of the overthrow of the current Laotian Government.

A short time later [redacted] brought a small group of (7-10) military and police personnel to the meeting. The military and police personnel started asking for personal belongings, (i.e. cameras, watches and shoes), from [redacted] The two Hmong immigrants became alarmed and told [redacted] they wanted to go and take a bath by the river bank. The two Hmong immigrants left the hotel, went down to the river bank and hid until dark. After dark they swam across the river back to Thailand.

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Within one or two days of arriving back in Thailand, the Hmong immigrants communicated to [redacted] that [redacted] may have been captured. [redacted] and the rest of the group got together and tried to re-create a more believable story. They decided to say that [redacted] actually witnessed [redacted] crossing the river in a boat with [redacted] and his men.

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After the men came to a consensus, they reported the story to the United States Embassy in Chiang Rai, Thailand and spoke to a [redacted] of the United States State Department. [redacted] later confirmed to them that [redacted] had been captured and [redacted] may have been killed and [redacted] may be imprisoned in Vientiane, Laos.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] stated that he would like to call and speak to the families of [redacted] directly. Confirmation was made that an individual from Thailand called and told them he was with the United States Embassy and that [redacted] had been killed.

[redacted] said, [redacted] family gathered 42,000 Baht (Approximate $1100 USC) and gave it to [redacted] sent the money to Thailand to purchase citizenship for the two Hmong immigrant witnesses to become permanent residents of Thailand.

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[redacted] Admitted to [redacted] to making a mistake in going along with the story that he and [redacted] were eye witnesses to boat crossing on the Mekong River which was a fabricated story to make the kidnapping look more believable.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his home. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, he provided the following information: b6 b7C

At approximately 10:15 a.m., [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] of the need to contact [redacted] in Thailand and have them get in communication with SSA [redacted] in Bangkok to take polygraph examinations. [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that a note with the contact instructions was slid under the door of his top floor apartment. b6 b7C

[redacted] Advised that [redacted] should contact [redacted] to convey the instructions for [redacted] to contact SSA [redacted] in Bangkok.

When confronted with the information that [redacted] had an argument and near altercation just before [redacted] went into Laos, [redacted] nodded his head in a yes motion, but remained silent. When asked if [redacted] remembered this argument later in the interview, he answered no. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he was willing to got back to Thailand or Laos to show where the events happened, except his new job would not allow him to. [redacted] knows how to get in touch with [redacted] in Thailand.

[redacted] said that there was someone who knew more about the incident than he did. This person is [redacted] b6 b7C

09/23/1999

[redacted] was interviewed at his home. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, he provided the attached photographs:

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On 9/23/99,at approximately 10:00 a.m., a copy of the attached note was left for [redacted] at his residence [redacted] During a subsequent interview later that morning [redacted] was told of the note location and contents.

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The note gives instructions for two witnesses to the disappearance of [redacted] on 4/19/99 to contact the case agent, SSA [redacted] in Bangkok, Thailand to take polygraph examinations.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/08/1999

To: Bangkok
National Security

Attn: SSA [redacted]
Domestic Terrorism Unit

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 6, GBRA
Contact: SA [redacted] (920) 432-3868

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] klj

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Case ID #: 163A-BK-342 (Pending) -156

Title: [redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
FPC - Laos

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Synopsis: To report on subsequent interview and polygraph of witness.

Enclosure(s): FD-302 of interview with [redacted] photocopy of letter and map from Thailand provided by [redacted] at time of interview along with translation. FD-498 polygraph report, FD-497 polygraph examination worksheet, FD-328 Consent for polygraph, FD-395 Advise of Rights form, 1A envelope with three polygrams.

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Administrative: Reference telcall with SSA [redacted] 9/3/99 regarding polygraph examination.

Details: On 9/3/1999 at approximately 3:00 p.m. [redacted] born [redacted] was polygraphed at the Appleton Police Department, Appleton, Wisconsin, by a FBI Polygraph Examiner.

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[redacted] claims that [redacted] were kidnaped on 04/19/1999 by the Laotian Government. [redacted] became upset and angry when accused of being dishonest and felt his loyalty towards the United States was being challenged.

[redacted] provided a photocopy of a letter and hand drawn map. The letter is said to communicate that [redacted] is dead and [redacted] is in prison in Laos. The map is supposedly to the location of [redacted] body.

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Due to information provided by [redacted] to an informant that neither [redacted] were witnesses to the disappearance, [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Appleton Police Department 222 South Walnut, Appleton, Wisconsin. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

On 9/2/99, at approximately 3:00 p.m. [redacted] consented to an interview and polygraph examination.

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[redacted] advised that on 4/19/99 at approximately he and [redacted] witnessed [redacted] meet with several men in a restaurant near the Mekong River, Chang Kong, Thailand. [redacted] left the men to go shopping at near by vendors. When [redacted] returned they saw [redacted] getting into a motor boat and going across the Mekong River to Laos. [redacted] were never heard from again.

[redacted] would not answer questions as to the location of the negatives of the pictures showing two of the kidnappers, [redacted] provided to SA [redacted] on July 29th, 1999, nor to why some of the pictures were cropped.

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In the final moments of the interview, [redacted] became upset and advised that the kidnaping is not a false story being used to cover another activity. He just wants his family member [redacted] back safely. He declared his loyalty to the United States due to his military service in Laos fighting against the Pathet Lao communists for ten years with his "own flesh and blood". [redacted] advised that if the disappearance is false or fabricated, he would be willing to go to jail once the men are found.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Appleton Police Department 222 South Walnut, Appleton, Wisconsin. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following photocopies of a letter, map and envelope. Attached and made apart of this report are copies of those documents.

A second copy of the documents were translated [redacted] and made a part of this report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/05/1999

To: National Security **Attn:** Domestic Terrorism Unit
Bangkok SSA [redacted] b6 b7C

From: Milwaukee
Squad 6, GBRA
Contact: SA [redacted] (920) 432-3868

Approved By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Drafted By: [redacted]C:klj

Case ID #: 163A-BK-342 (Pending) -91

Title: [redacted] - VICTIM; b6 b7C
[redacted] - VICTIM;
FPC - Laos

Synopsis: To report progress of subsequent interview with witness.

Enclosure(s): Original and one copy of FD-302 of interview with [redacted] on 08/03/1999. b6 b7C

Details: On 08/03/1999, [redacted] was interviewed a second time concerning his alleged witnessing of the disappearance of [redacted] on 04/19/1999.

He was undeterred from his original story and still claims to be telling the truth [redacted] still agrees to take a polygraph examination in the near future. b6 b7C

After insistant questioning, [redacted] gave the name of the person who initially led him and [redacted] to the two witnesses, [redacted] who were also on the boat at the time of the abduction. [redacted] was the name given by [redacted] and no more was mentioned about this person.

[redacted] will be polygraphed at the next possible opportunity. b6 b7C

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Appleton Police Department 222 South Walnut, Appleton, Wisconsin. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

On August 3, 1999, [redacted] denied lying or withholding information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning the disappearance of [redacted] on April 19, 1999. He advised that his original story of the incident surrounding the disappearance is truthful.

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He advised that he was not around [redacted] when they were spending large amounts of cash on recreational activities while in Thailand.

An Asian named [redacted] was responsible for bringing the attention of the witnesses [redacted] during [redacted] second trip to Thailand, [redacted]

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[redacted] denies taking a picture supposedly dated the April 19, 1999 at the Phoua Bang Hotel in Chang Mai which shows [redacted] and two further unidentified Asian males.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] of the United State Consulate, Chang Mai, Thailand, communicated to [redacted] on May 6, 1999 that [redacted] had been killed and [redacted] was still alive and being held captive in a prison in Vang Chan, Laos.

Later on July 22 or 23, 1999, [redacted] called him to say that [redacted] were alive.

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[redacted] still agreed to be polygraphed at a later time concerning this affair.

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at his home. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

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On 4/19/99, at 11:00 a.m. [redacted] met [redacted] at the Puem Bong (phonetic) Hotel in Chang Kong. The men socialized in the hotel until 12:00 p.m. when [redacted] left and [redacted] departed and met alone with a woman named [redacted] did not know why [redacted] were meeting separately.

At approximately, 1:00 p.m. The three men met with [redacted] near the Mekong River. [redacted] left [redacted] and went to look at vendors near the river.

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At 2:00 p.m. [redacted] returned to the last place they saw [redacted] and the men were gone. Shortly after they saw [redacted] in a boat crossing the Mekong River towards Laos with [redacted] driving the boat. Two other witnesses in the boat were [redacted] both Asian males, the later knew [redacted] 10 years prior from the Ban Vinai, Thailand refugee camp. There were nine people in the boat, the four other people were unidentified.

At 3:00 p.m. [redacted] returned to the hotel and asked [redacted] if she had seen [redacted] She saw the two go across the river with [redacted]

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[redacted] did not have the negatives of the previous provided photos of [redacted] He said that he threw them away, then said he lost them and finally said they were destroyed.

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[redacted] went to Thailand on 7/24/99 with one million Baht currency to pay for the release of [redacted] on 7/29/99. The two

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File # SA [redacted] Date dictated

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are staying at the Golden T Hotel in Chang Mai, room [redacted] telephone number 053-409-288.

Inventory of Bulky Nonevidentiary Property
FD-192a (1-5-89)

Date 5-30-01

Title and Character of Case

[redacted]

DBA - Neo Hom Neutrality Matters 4/19/99

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FILE NO. 2-MW-39584

OO: Milwaukee

Date Acquired: 2/29/2000

Acquired From: Confidential Source

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To Be Returned: ☐ Yes ☒ No

See Serial

Acquiri SA [redacted]

Case SA [redacted]

☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No Property To Be Forfeited To The U.S. Government

Description of Property (Be Specific)

(1) one video tape of Neo Hom resistance activities in Laos.

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For Administrative Use:

Location of Property: _____

Control Number: _____

(File Copy)

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Inventory of Bulky Nonevidentiary Property
FD-192a (1-5-89)

Date 5-30-01

Title and Character of Case

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DBA- Neo Hom
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FILE NO. 2-MW-39584

OO: Milwaukee

Date Acquired	Acquired From:
2/29/2000	a Confidential Source

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To Be Returned	See Serial	Acquiring Agent	Case A
☐ Yes ☒ No		SA [redacted]	SA [redacted]

☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No Property To Be Forfeited To The U.S. Government

Description of Property (Be Specific)

(1) one large bankers box with documents written in Lao.

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For Administrative Use:

Location of Property: _____

Control Number: _____

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Title and Character of Case:

GENERAL VANG PAO
NEO HOM

Date Property Acquired: 09/30/2002

Source from which Property Acquired: SOURCE

Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: [redacted] Case Agent: [redacted]

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Description of Property: Date Entered
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ONE FEDEX BOX CONTAINING ONE BROWN EXPANDABLE FOLDER LABELED "PALKET #3" INSIDE THE FOLDER ARE NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS WRITTEN IN ONE OR MORE FOREIGN LANGUAGES, POSSIBLE HMONG AND/OR LAO

Barcode: E01712788 Location: ECR1 U01 2 10/08/2002

1. Supv # 9
pls. initial/sign

2. # 9 Rotor
pls file

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Case Number: 2-MW-39584 -1B4
Owning Office: MILWAUKEE

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Title and Character of Case:

GENERAL VANG PAO
NEO HOM

Date Property Acquired: 08/28/2002

Source from which Property Acquired: CI

Anticipated Disposition: DESTROY

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

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Description of Property:
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Date Entered

BROWN EXPANDABLE FOLDER CONTAINING NUMEROUS MISC DOCUMENTS

Barcode: E01712762 Location: ECR1 U01 2 09/04/2002

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2. # 5 Return
pls file

Case Number: 2-MW-39584
Owning Office: MILWAUKEE

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Title and Character of Case:

GENERAL VANG PAO
NEO HOM

Date Property Acquired: Source from which Property Acquired:

07/27/2002 [redacted]

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Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: Case Agent:
OTHER [redacted] [redacted]

Description of Property: Date Entered
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1) A LOA VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC., MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE, NUMBER [redacted]
2) A CERTIFICATE FROM THE LAO VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC., SINGED BY GEN VANG PAO AND [redacted]
3) THREE (3) CERTIFIECATES OF COMMENDATION ALLEDEDLY SIGNED BY MULITPLE MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS FOR [redacted] SERVICE IN THE WAR IN LAOS
4) TWO (2) PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THE LAO VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC
5) A US VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL AND A REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

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Barcode: E01712719 Location: ECR1 U01 1 08/02/2002

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pls initial/sign
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Owning Office: MILWAUKEE

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Title and Character of Case:

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Date Property Acquired: 10/17/2001

Source from which Property Acquired: CI

Anticipated Disposition: DESTROY

Acquired By: [redacted]

Case Agent: [redacted]

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Description of Property:
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ONE BOX OF MISC DOCUMENTS

Barcode: E01712048 Location: ECR1

Date Entered
10/30/2001

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Case Number: 2-MW-39584
Owning Office: MILWAUKEE

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(File No.) _____

Item	Date Filed	To be returned Yes	To be returned No		Disposition
1	6/10/00		X	5 Documents from Trash (cover of [redacted]	b6 b7C
2	8/11/00		✓	letter (copy) from [redacted]	

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Universal Case File Number 2-MW-39584

Field Office Acquiring Evidence MW/6BRA

Serial # of Originating Document 11

Date Received 5-31-00

From SA [redacted]
(Name of Contributor)

[redacted]
(Address of Contributor)

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By [redacted]
(Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No
Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: [redacted]

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DBA - Neo Hom
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Neutrality Matter

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of
5 documents from Trash Cover
at [redacted]

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Universal Case File Number 2-MW-39584

Field Office Acquiring Evidence MW

Serial # of Originating Document 17

Date Received 7/4/2000

From Sgt. [redacted]

Columbia Correctional Institution

(Address of Contributor)

Portage, WI

By [redacted]

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☑ No

Title:

Reference:

(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

Copy of letter from [redacted] to [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted] BANGKOK, LEGAT, HQPRIME [redacted]
Date: Tue, May 9, 2000 4:06 PM
Subject: New info on VPs operations

Source information reports that two of the Jan 00 detainees have returned to Thailand and are involved in resistance activities recruiting new soldiers. The two are:

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1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]

VP has a new scheme to pressure Hmongs in the US to give him $. There is reportedly a bill before Congress to allow 45,000 Lao vetrans to waive certain citizenship requirements and get US citizenship if they are approved by "certain organizations". The catch is that VP's Lao Vetrans of American (LVA) is one of the approving organizations. It is comon knowledge in the Hmong community that if you want to be a citizen, you should join the LVA and donate $ ASAP!

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ATTN [redacted] VP is still tauting that the USSD and the CIA are on his side and they will support him or react to his wishes. I feel it is time that the US Govt make an official statement that they are not supporting him.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] in Menasha, Wisconsin, on April 26, 2000:

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A trash cover from the residence from [redacted] revealed nothing pertinent to the investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/27/2000

To: National Security **Attn:** SSA [redacted] b6
ND-3D/TGU/5425 b7C
Bangkok ALAT [redacted]
Minneapolis SA [redacted]
Squad 5

From: Milwaukee
Squad 6, Green Bay RA
Contact: SA [redacted] (920) 432-3868

Approved By: [redacted] b6
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Drafted By: [redacted] mar nor

Case ID #: 2-MP-55311 (Pending) -84
2-MW-39584 (Pending) -4

Title: MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTER

Synopsis: Newspaper story concerning case.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for National Security Division, Legat Bangkok, Minneapolis and Milwaukee is an FD-350 with a newspaper article dated April 19, 2000.

Details: The above mentioned newspaper article is being submitted to the case files for intelligence purposes.

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CC Routed to C/A [redacted] 6/13/00 LAC

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Page: Front Page, A-1
Post-Crescent
(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) Appleton, WI

Date: 4/19/00
Edition: Wednesday

Title: Gen. Vang Pao
DBA - NEO Hom
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Neutrality Matters

Character:
or
Classification: 2-MP-55311
Submitting Office:

Indexing:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2000

Government fails to release further details on missing Appleton man

By Ed Culhane
Post-Crescent staff writer

It has been one year since Houa Ly, a long-time Appleton resident, was waylaid while on vacation in Thailand and forced at gunpoint into a boat that spirited him and a friend across the Mekong River.

It is the same river that Ly and his wife crossed 22 years ago, fleeing the communists who took control of his native Laos. Like the other men of his generation, he had helped Americans during the jungle warfare of Vietnam, and it cost him his homeland.

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Now it might have cost him much more, and his wife, Neng Xiong Ly, waits at home in the Fox Cities, devastated by the disappearance of her husband.

His five daughters have a hard time speaking his name. There will be no ceremony today to mark a dark anniversary.

"Whenever we talk about him, it is too painful," said Yer Ly, 24, who lives with her husband and three children in St. Paul, Minn. "We think about it. We still want to keep the belief that he is alive and in prison."

Please see **MISSING**, A-7

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Appleton, WI

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MISSING: Family still looking for some answers

From A-1

In the year since the disappearance of Ly and his companion, Michael Vang of Fresno, Calif., the U.S. government has learned little or nothing of their fate.

U.S. Rep. Mark Green, R-Green Bay, believes the State Department was too slow in responding, too concerned about forging economic ties in Laos and too deferential to a communist regime that, by its own reports, is engaged in human rights abuses. The Laotian government states that it has no knowledge of the two men nor any evidence they ever entered the country.

"Most of us believe, and circumstantial evidence suggests, that the government of Laos was involved in the disappearance of these two Americans," Green said Tuesday in Appleton with *The Post-Crescent* editorial board.

"Given that, I find it hard to believe an investigation led by the government of Laos is going to produce very much. You can't help but wonder if these weren't Hmong Americans involved, if we might have handled it differently."

Green has also been frustrated by the paucity of information coming out of the State Department. He filed a Freedom of Information request in September, demanding to know what the State Department and FBI had learned.

There was no response until March 29 — a brief note saying the request was being processed.

"In Wisconsin, if you don't respond (acknowledging a Freedom of Information Request) within 10 days, that's it," Green said. "You're guilty and you're fined.

"I will tell you how frustrated I am. When I get back to Washington in two weeks, I'm going to look at changing the Freedom of Information Act."

Congress is not without power in this situation. In February, the Clinton administration suggested that trade status be considered separately from the case of the missing men, but Green and other legislators made it clear that Laos will not receive the benefit of improved trading until answers are given.

Two weeks ago, the State Department acknowledged that it got the message.

"Unfortunately, I think that until we can resolve the matter of the two disappeared, it's going to be virtually impossible to envision Congress extending Most Favored Trade status," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Stanley Roth told a Thai newspaper.

Green is pushing for an investigation by a third party, such as Amnesty International or the United Nations High Commission on Refugees.

"Laos, to me, can show some goodwill, some good faith by allowing Amnesty International in," Green said.

Yer Ly, who joined 200 other Hmong last February at a protest outside the Laotian embassy in Washington, said she would go to Laos herself if it were possible.

"It is very dangerous for a woman alone," she said. "Anything can happen to you and no one would prosecute."

She said her father had no intention of entering Laos. She believes Vang and her father were attracted to the riverfront by an annual celebration called the Water Festival.

"I strongly believe he is still alive," she said Tuesday. "He was just a traveler. He couldn't harm them in any way. I believe they would imprison him."

She said she is grateful to Green, the State Department and the FBI. But she believes the federal government could do more for a man who served America as a soldier before he ever stepped foot on her soil.

"They say it is a No. 1 priority, but it's just been dragging on," Yer Ly said. "I believe my father could have been home by now. They have a lot of power. We are not just talking about two Hmong. We are talking about two Americans who are citizens of the United States."

■ *The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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FD-350 (Rev. 5-8-81)

Friday May 19, 2000

Hmong speech barrier eased

Bill waives English language requirement for citizenship test

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Senate passed legislation Thursday that would make it easier for members of a Laotian ethnic group to become U.S. citizens, agreeing on compromise language on who would be found eligible for citizenship.

The bill waives the English-language requirement for Hmong and other Laotians who were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency in Laos for covert military actions during the Vietnam war.

A similar version, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., has already passed the House. Backers of the bill hope to get a quick second vote in the House on the new Senate language, and avoid having to work out the difference in a House-Senate conference.

Supporters of the bill said that the Hmong have found it difficult to learn English because their language did not have a written form until recently.

Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn., had raised concerns about the legislation because as it passed the House it would allow the Lao Veterans of America to certify who would qualify for the waiver. Grams' substitute bill, which passed the Senate, called for the CIA or the Defense Department to make that decision.

Under the bill, the Justice Department, in determining whether someone is eligible for citizenship, "may consider any documentation provided by organizations maintaining records with respect to Hmong Veterans or their families."

Post Crescent

Front Page

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) Post Crescent Appleton, WI

Date: 5/19/00

Edition: Friday [redacted]

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Title: (Gen Vang Pao) DBA - Neg Hom NFLL

Character: Neutrality Act

or

Classification: 2 - ~~MW 39584~~ - MW-39584

Submitting Office: MW/GBRA

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Senate OKs bill to ease Lao veterans' citizenship

By Brian Tumulty
Press-Gazette
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A week after delaying action on special legislation to ease the citizenship process for Vietnam War veterans from Laos, the Senate voted unanimously Thursday night to approve an amended version of the bill.

The Senate Judiciary Committee paved the way for floor action after striking a compromise with Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn., who had wanted language requiring either the Defense Department or the Central Intelligence Agency to certify past military service.

In exchange for Grams dropping that request, the legislation was amended to drop a reference to the Lao Veterans of America as eligible to provide the certification.

The revised legislation, according to a spokeswoman for Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., does not specify which veterans groups will be involved in helping the federal government with the verification process, but allows the Lao Veterans of America to participate.

The legislation approved by the Senate allows up to 45,000 of these veterans and their spouses to apply for citizenship in the next 18 months under a process that lets them use a translator.

The House will be required to vote again on the compromise version.

Friday May 19, 2000
Green Bay, WI
Press-Gazette

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) Front Page Press-Gazette Green Bay, WI

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Title: [redacted]
DBA - Neo Hom

Character: Neutrality matter
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Submitting Office: 6BRA / MW

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/08/2000

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On May 31, 2000, a trash cover was conducted on the address of [redacted] The target of the trash cover is [redacted] Hmong male, date of birth [redacted] [redacted] The following items were retrieved from the trash cover:

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[redacted]

The above-listed documents will be maintained in a 1A envelope in the 1A section of this file.

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by SA [redacted] dlg

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 05/18/2000

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On May 10, 2000, a trash cover was conducted of the trash at [redacted] residence of [redacted] [redacted] date of birth [redacted] The following items were recovered from the trash cover:

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Investigation on 05/10/2000 at Menasha, Wisconsin

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by SA [redacted] :mar

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 06/29/2000

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** Madison Resident Agency
SA [redacted] b6 b7C

From: Milwaukee
Squad 6/Green Bay RA
Contact: SA [redacted] (920) 432-3868

Approved By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Drafted By: [redacted] mar

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584

Title: [redacted] b6 b7C
DBA-NEOHOM;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: To set lead.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Madison are photocopies of two letters sent by inmate [redacted] concerning the above captioned investigation. b6 b7C

Details: On June 7, 2000, Investigative Sergeant [redacted] Columbia Correctional Institute, Portage, Wisconsin, telephone number (608) 742-9100, contacted the Milwaukee Field Office with information that inmate [redacted] Asian male, inmate number [redacted] was caught writing letters to two other Asian males at [redacted] concerning plans and activities directed at overthrowing the Government of Laos.

One letter discusses the details of an organization supposedly being headed by [redacted] who claims to be a general in the resistance against the Government of Laos. The second letter to the other Asian [redacted] is titled to [redacted] b6 b7C

It is unknown if these individuals have any direct relation to Major General Vang Pao's resistance movement, known as Neo Home.

[redacted] was removed from his cell as soon as the contents of the letters were made known to the Columbia Correction Institute's staff, and [redacted] cell was subsequently searched by correction's officials at the direction of the author. b6 b7C

Asian lead w/enclosures 2-MW-39584-14
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assigned 7-17-00
cc w/enclosures [redacted]

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The points of contact at the Columbia Correctional Institute are Investigative Sergeant [redacted] or a Lieutenant [redacted], telephone number (608) 742-9100.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

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AT PORTAGE, WISCONSIN

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1. Interview [redacted] concerning the specific plans or activities of his knowledge that could be directed against the Government of Laos.

2. Determine if [redacted] title as a general officer in the resistance is a position that was purchased through monies, acts or deeds from General Vang Pao.

3. Obtain information regarding the location of the training camp mentioned in one of the letters that is suspected to be located in North Carolina.

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4. Determine if [redacted] or any of his other correspondents have any direct relation to General Vang Pao's resistance organization, Neo Hom.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on June 21, 2000: b6 b7C

A trash cover of the residence of [redacted] date of birth [redacted] revealed no information or evidence of value to the investigation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Columbia Correctional Institution (CCI), Portage, Wisconsin:

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Sergeant [redacted] CCI Investigator, provided copies of pertinent files relating to [redacted] inmate number [redacted] A review of these files determined the following:

[redacted] is a Hmong male, with a listed date of birth of [redacted]

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A confidential monitoring of [redacted] incoming and outgoing mail [redacted] determined that on June 6 and July 7, 2000, [redacted] wrote to inmate [redacted] On June 6, 2000, he also wrote to [redacted] In the letter, [redacted] addressed [redacted] and claimed to have recruited a number of Asians at CCI for some enterprise.

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Sgt. [redacted] advised that a recurring theme in letters between [redacted] is that [redacted] intends to recruit and lead all Asian males in the Wisconsin prison system.

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Sgt. [redacted] advised that a search of [redacted] cell at [redacted] had located numerous writings of a political nature, mostly written in Hmong language. One letter, dated March 27, 2000, was written to the political campaign of Presidential candidate ALAN KEYES, and [redacted] offered to raise over $5000 for KEYES and to introduct KEYES to Hmong communities in Wisconsin and Michigan. He did not go into detail as to how he would accomplish this while incarcerated.

A search of [redacted] cell revealed similar writings as well as a catalogue of United States Military Medals, a hand-written information sheet about joining the French Foreign Legion and a word puzzle book. The word puzzle book had sentences in what appeared to be [redacted] handwriting written in the margins and using words which appeared in the puzzles. The sentences included "We will leave nothing but devastation in our wake," "It

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is purely platonic", "I am a person with extravagant tastes", "You're so callous" and "There is nothing like the fragrance." It was Sgt. [redacted] opinion that these phrases were an attempt by [redacted] to improve his vocabulary and use of English lexicon.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 07/16/2000

[redacted] Hmong male, date of birth [redacted] was contacted at the Columbia Correctional Institution (CCI), Portage, Wisconsin, at which time he was advised of the interviewing agent's official identity through display of credentials and was further advised of the purpose of the interview. Also present during the interview was Sergeant (SGT) [redacted] CCI Investigation office.

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At the outset of the interview, [redacted] was advised of his constitutional rights as they appear on form FD-395. The form was read to [redacted] at 9:14 a.m. and then [redacted] read the form out loud to the contacting agent before signing the waiver of rights and indicating he was willing to be interviewed. [redacted] signed the form at 9:19 a.m. and it was witnessed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SGT [redacted] then advised as follows:

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[redacted].

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[redacted] met or became acquainted with Vang Pao or Neng B. Lee during the Viet Nam war, but he does not now have anything to do with them.

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[redacted] met [redacted] another Hmong who shared many mutual interests [redacted] looked up to [redacted] and considered him to be a mentor who had "matured" him. [redacted] helped

Investigation on 7/11/2000 at Portage, WI

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by SA [redacted] khm

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[redacted] pick a new name to use, which is a custom for Hmong males who have matured.

[redacted] he continued to correspond with [redacted] and other Hmong inmates he had met. In letters to [redacted] has claimed to have recruited a number of Hmong inmates into a sort of "warrior council", [redacted]

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According to [redacted] all of these claims were exaggerations and had no basis in fact. [redacted] letters to LOR were full of encouragement for [redacted] to work hard and try to accomplish things in his life through planning and organizing. [redacted] simply wanted to impress [redacted] because he did not want [redacted] to think that he, [redacted] was lazy. [redacted]

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Although he writes about recruiting Hmong brothers into his warrior society, [redacted] actually wants to quietly finish his time in prison [redacted] As a convicted criminal, [redacted] is considered an outcast by his own people, he knows nothing about the Government of Laos at present and he has no plans to organize any political group.

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[redacted] does not believe that [redacted] is involved with or knows anything about General VANG PAO or any other individual involved in trying to overthrow the Government of Laos.

In some of his letters, [redacted] claimed to have recruited [redacted] now claims that he never really recruited them and has had no contact with them [redacted] says that now his only friend is [redacted] and his only companion is his own shadow.

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[redacted] could not remember names of other Hmong he might have claimed to have recruited. He noted that he also claimed to plan to conduct training at a secret base in North Carolina, but that was another figment of his imagination based on articles he had read about militia training at such bases.

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He advised that there are actually no recruits, there is no organization and nobody keeps in touch. He does not want to associate with other Asian brothers because they are too immature and involve themselves in too much horseplay. It is his hope that he can finish his time in prison and then live up to his responsibility as the oldest son in his family by getting a job and helping to support his other family members. Although he sometimes daydreams about joining the French Foreign Legion or becoming a great leader of men, he knows he must simply become a responsible member of society.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/07/2000

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SA [redacted]
GBRA

From: Milwaukee
Squad 8/MRA
Contact: SA [redacted] (608) 829-4182

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] khm

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending) - 19

Title: [redacted]
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Synopsis: [redacted] interviewed at Columbia Correctional Institution and stated that he has no contact or affiliation with General Vang Pao or Neo Hom. [redacted] advised that his correspondences with other Hmong are simply exercises to make himself look important but have no basis in fact.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 14

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for the file are the original and 3 copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted] the original and two copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation at Columbia Correctional Institution, an FD-340 containing executed "Advice of Rights" form, an FD-340 containing one copy of correspondence from [redacted] dated June 3, 2000, and an FD-340 containing one copy of correspondence from [redacted] dated June 6, 2000.

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Details: On 7/11/200, contact was made with Sergeant [redacted] Columbia Correctional Institution (CCI), Portage, Wisconsin, at which time [redacted] made available the CCI file on [redacted] Results of the review of that file are on enclosed investigative insert. According to Sgt. [redacted] confidential monitoring of [redacted] outgoing and incoming mail indicates that he claims to be a leader of Asian inmates in the Wisconsin prison system.

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[redacted] was then interviewed. [redacted] claimed that he only

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claimed leadership in the prison Asian community in an effort to impress [redacted] who he considers to be a mentor.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] may have known General Vang Pao during the Viet Nam war, but he doubted that [redacted] had any current contact with him.

Details of the interview are contained in enclosed FD-302.

In conference with Sgt. [redacted] following the interview, both the interviewing agent and Sgt. [redacted] were of the opinion that [redacted] was neither candid nor particularly truthful in his comments. It is Sgt. [redacted] contention that [redacted] is, in fact, trying to organize Asian prisoners but most likely for gang related activities rather than to support any political agenda in Laos.

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From : MILWAUKEE
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Employee: [redacted] b6 b7C

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 07/17/2000

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** IRS [redacted] b6 b7C

From: Milwaukee
Squad 8
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending) -22

Title: [redacted] b6 b7C
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NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: Request analytical assistance from Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) [redacted]

Details: Milwaukee has obtained pen register and trap/trace coverage [redacted] b3

Several trash covers have been conducted on the residence of [redacted] and future trash covers may be considered. FD-302s have been completed for each trash cover and can be located in the main file. The trash cover evidence revealed [redacted] b6 b7C

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IRS [redacted] is requested to assist case agent with the handling of the pen register and trap/trace telephone records; work with Investigative Assistant (IA) [redacted] in obtaining subscriber information; and on a bi-weekly basis provide case agent with updated telephone reports. b6 b7C

IRS [redacted] is requested to analyze the trash cover evidence for any pertinent information and provide this information to case agent.

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On June 15, 2000, a trash cover was conducted on [redacted]. [redacted] Asian male, date of birth [redacted] The following were recovered and are contained in a 1A envelope:

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From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (2-MW-39584) (P)

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A trash cover was conducted on [redacted] Asian male, date of birth [redacted] on June 8, 2000. The following items were recovered and and are in a 1A envelope:

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On June 28, 2000, a trash cover was conducted on [redacted] Asian male, date of birth [redacted] The following items were recovered from the trash cover:

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■ THE POST-CRESCENT, APPLETON-NEENAH-MENASHA, WIS. ■

Green writes Gore for help in case of missing Appleton man

By Ben Jones
Post-Crescent staff writer

After 17 unproductive months trying to get information on the disappearance of Appleton resident Houa Ly during a trip to Thailand, U.S. Rep. Mark Green, R-Green Bay, said Thursday he was moved by "frustration and disappointment" to ask Vice President Al Gore to intervene.

"I feel terrible for this family," Green said. "I don't like sitting across from my desk from them and not having any answers."

Ly was last seen on April 19, 1999, near the border of Thailand and Laos.

Witnesses said they last saw Ly and his traveling partner, Michael Vang of Fresno, Calif., on the Mekong River being forced into a boat by Lao men.

Green believes the State Department has been too slow in responding to Ly's disappearance and has been slow to produce documents related to the case. He says the FBI has been insensitive to the Ly family, treating family members as if they are suspects.

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He also is critical of the State Department's statement that it is working on the case with the Laos government.

"Most people believe it is the Lao government is responsible for this," Green said. "We all made that point for many months.

> "You have the power to deliver the closure and resolution that these families have sought for far too long."
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> **REP. MARK GREEN, R-Green Bay, in a letter to Vice President Al Gore**

"We don't believe that investigation will get anywhere."

The letter to the vice president outlines the history of the Ly disappearance and investigation and urges Gore to change the situation.

"You have the power to make it clear to the Lao government that this will not stand. You have the power to make this an issue recognized on the world stage. You have the power to make clear the consequences of unjustified actions against U.S. citizens. You have the power to deliver the closure and resolution that these families have sought for far too long," Green wrote.

Green said he wrote the letter "out of desperation" at the State Department's lack of action on the Ly case. The said the letter is the latest in a long list of letters to government officials.

"I hope the vice president or someone on his staff will take a close look at this make some phone calls to the State Department," Green said.

He said he is angered by the lack of help the victims and their families have received. He said American citizens deserve better.

"One hates to say it, but if the families involved were perhaps European-American maybe there would be more attention paid," Green said. "I hope that's not the case but the matter has dragged on a long time."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

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REFERENCE: HMONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION OCT 14 AND 15

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ANY AGENCIES THAT ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE SOME ONE IN PARTICULAR THAT MIGHT BE ATTENDING THIS CELEBRATION CAN FORWAR ANY INFORMATION TO SGT. [redacted] OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. (LCSO) THIS WOULD INCLUDE ANY WARRANTS, SUSPECTS, RUNAWAYS, ETC. b6 b7C
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Milwaukee Division

Office of the Special Agent in Charge

Sept. 27, 2000

SSA [redacted] MSR

SA [redacted]

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I agree that it would be advisable to interview Keith Quincy and, under better circumstances, would argue that [redacted] should travel to Spokane to do the interview.

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Considering our arguing deadline, we will probably have to settle for setting a leap, with a detailed set of questions, in Seattle to conduct the interview. Can Seattle appropriately handle the interview?

TO: SAC Williams From: SA [redacted]

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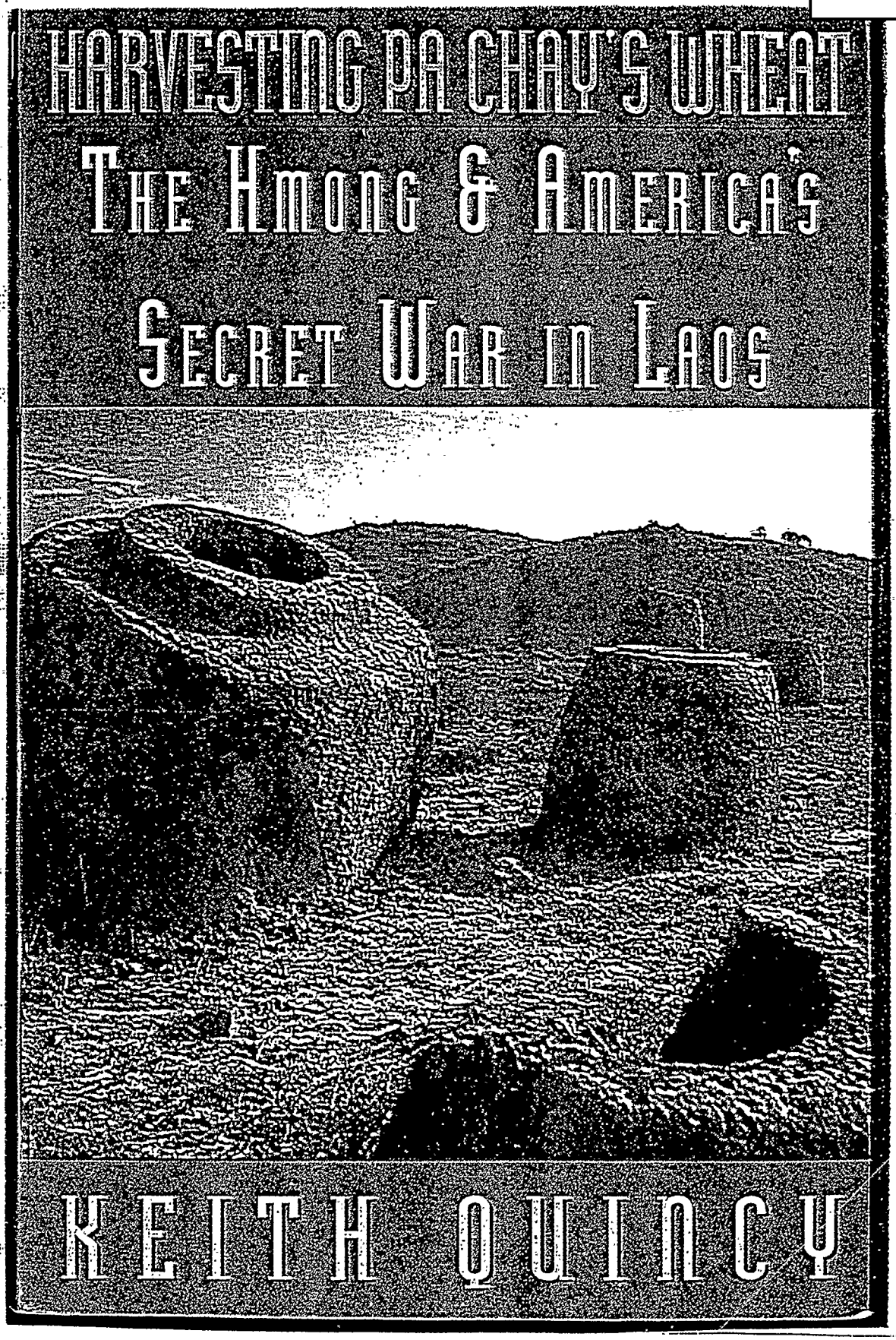

The above book is an excellent source of background information on General Vang Pao. **The book is NOT pro Vang Pao!** Keith Quincy should be interviewed ASAP. He is the Chairman of the Dept of Government at Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington. Quincy's phone numbers are:

Office: 509-359-2418,
General operator # 509-359-6200.

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New case draws Ly similarities

Minnesota man was shot along Laos, Thailand border

From staff and wire reports

WASHINGTON – Six months after a Hmong-American from Minneapolis was shot at and fell into the Mekong River separating Thailand and Laos, U.S. investigators have been unable to find the man or determine what happened to him.

The incident is eerily reminiscent of the case involving Houa Ly of Appleton and Michael Vang of Freson, Calif., who made the same fateful voyage across the Mekong on April 19, 1999, and who have not been seen since.

Family members and some members of Congress suspect the Laotian government kidnapped, imprisoned and possibly killed the men; Laotian authorities deny any knowledge of their whereabouts. Two joint U.S.-Laos investigations failed to find them.

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On Jan. 29, Charlie Vang and six other travelers boarded two boats on the Thailand side and headed across the river into Laos. Gunfire from the Lao side of the river forced the group back to Thailand, but witnesses say Vang fell into the river, possibly after being shot.

Upon their return, Vang's fellow travelers – three U.S. citizens and three permanent residents – were arrested and charged with carrying concealed weapons, among other violations. They spent a month in jail and were then released without explanation by Thai authorities, according to the State Department. But the only sign of Vang, 45, was his U.S. passport, which was found in one of the boats.

A spokesman for the Laotian embassy in Washington, Mai Sayavongs, said that a U.S. official recently suggested another joint investigation to look for the men, and Laos agreed. But Sayavongs said he had no information about the disappearance of Charlie Vang.

Both incidents come across the backdrop of a rising Hmong insurgency against the communist government in Laos. The Hmong, an ethnic group from the highlands of Laos, aided the

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MISSING: Ly's family still waiting for news

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CIA during the Vietnam War, and many settled in the United States, where they number 250,000 – 60,000 in Minnesota.

In both cases, the reason for attempting to cross the border is unclear. Houa Ly's aiding of American pilots during the Vietnam War, and the weapons charges against Charlie Vang's compatriots, fueled speculation that both men were there to aid Hmong rebels in Laos.

But relatives of Houa Ly, a long-time Appleton resident, said Ly was vacationing in Thailand and had no intention of entering Communist-controlled Laos. Ly's daughter, Yer Ly of St. Paul, said witnesses saw her father and his companion spirited across the river at gunpoint. She believes they were attracted to the Mekong river front by an annual Thai celebration called the Water Festival.

Charlie Vang's wife, Mee Xiong, said her husband left for Thailand in November for a vacation to visit relatives, and told her he'd back in a couple of months. The last time she heard from him was Jan. 26, three days before his disappearance. Both Vang and his wife were born in Laos.

Chong Feng Vang of St. Paul, who was in the other boat, said the men went to Laos to visit some of his cousins, and he denied that they were carrying weapons.

Last year's disappearance of Houa Ly and Michael Vang generated a lot of attention, with several members of Congress confronting the State Department on its efforts to find the men.

Among them was U.S. Rep. Mark Green, R-Green Bay, who said there is circumstantial evidence suggesting the Laos government was behind the kidnapping.

Green's chief of staff, Chris Tuttle, said Friday that despite intense pressure on the State Department and the government of Laos, there are no new developments.

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From: Milwaukee
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Contact: IRS [redacted] ext. 298

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

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Synopsis: Provide excel charts on evidence retrieved from [redacted] trash.

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Details: During the months of May and June, 2000, case agent conducted several trash covers on [redacted] residence, [redacted] The evidence obtained from the trash covers was reviewed by Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) [redacted] and the attached excel charts were created based on the information contained in the recovered evidence.

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Description of Document:

Type : FD302
Date : 12/07/00
To : MILWAUKEE
From : MILWAUKEE
Topic: [redacted]

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Case ID: 2-MW-39584-TEL Serial: 48

Employee: [redacted]

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Date of transcription 12/07/2000

Source not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

Source stated that General VANG PAO and his followers in the NEO HOM are not very active and have been "lying low" recently. General VANG PAO is reportedly ill and relies on Shaman healers for medical treatment. The exact nature of the illness was not known Source believed it could be related to his previous stroke.

Source advised that attempts by General VANG PAO and NEO HOM to raise money have become more difficult because the attitude and rumors in the Hmong community are that General VANG PAO is a con man who is not to be trusted and the United States Government is investigating General VANG PAO.

Source confirmed that any resistence activities or operations against the Government of Laos (GOL) appear to be on hold or not taking place due to a lack of funding from NEO HOM. General VANG PAO has turned to the Laos ethnic community in the United States and overseas in an attempt to raise funds for NEO HOM and its resistence activities.

Source advised that members of NEO HOM and others in the Hmong community were taken by surprise at how much information the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) knew about the Hmong community, General VANG PAO and NEO HOM. Members of the NEO HOM are scared and highly concerned that they will get in trouble due to a Federal investigation.

Source stated that CHAO FA, is gaining strength and support as the one legitimate resistence group against the GOL. Due to this NEO HOM is decreasing in strength and legitimacy.

Source stated that General VANG PAO is not grooming a successor to be the head of the NEO HOM when he dies. Source
b6 believes that when General VANG PAO becomes more ill and realizes
b7C he cannot hold on to power in the Hmong community and shortly before he dies, General VANG PAO will lash out to "settle old score" with enemies of his in the Hmong community, [redacted]

Investigation on 12/6/00 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Source believes that there will be an assassination attempt on [redacted] in the final days of General VANG PAO's life. Source stated that [redacted] refuses any type of protective measures or protective activities in his lifestyle and is very fatalistic concerning his life.

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FD-5a (1-5-94)

Date: 02/21/01 Time: 12:30

Case ID: 2-MW-39584 Serial: 44

Description of Document:

Type : OTHER
Date : 01/16/01
To : MILWAUKEE
From : MILWAUKEE
Topic: [redacted] b3

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Case ID: 2-MW-39584-PEN Serial: 3

Employee [redacted] b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/07/2001

Source not in a position to testify provided the following information:

Source was concerned about testifying in an upcoming civil trial in St. Paul, Minnesota. Source would be testifying for [redacted] Asian male, [redacted] against members of General VANG PAO's resistance group, NEO HOM, in a slander and deformation civil law suit.

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Source was advised by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] [redacted] that if he/she was asked if they had been providing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that source should answer fully and truthfully. Source was advised that he/she could not refuse to answer any questions and must answer all questions.

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Investigation on 2/6/01 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin (telephonically)

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by SA [redacted]/dkc

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the reeason for the contact.

[redacted] was advised that the interviewing agents had been asked by the Milwaukee, Wisconsin office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to contact her and to provide her with the following information regarding the whereabouts of [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised that the FBI has learned through its investigation that [redacted] was not in Thailand as a tourist when he disappeared in April of 1999. He was, in fact, there to work for the Resistance. [redacted] willingly crossed into Laos on a mission for the Resistance. He was arrested, and most likely executed within a day or two, which is the standard practice of the Lao authorities when they capture Resistance fighters.

[redacted] asked if there is any proof of [redacted] death, such as his body. She was told that there is not. She was told that since there is no information to the contrary, and since it is the custom of the Lao to execute their captives soon after their arrest, [redacted] is presumed dead.

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[redacted] asked if the FBI was going to also inform [redacted] She requested that this be done because they would not believe her. She advised that they do not speak English and offered to contact [redacted] who could translate.

[redacted] was asked if she knew that [redacted] was working for the Resistance in Thailand. She stated that he told her that he needed to go on vacation for a while, just to get away. She was unaware of his work for the Resistance. She stated that [redacted] was a respected member of the Hmong community, but she did not know of his political activities.

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Investigation on 02/21/2001 at Fresno, California

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by SA's [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised that it would be much easier to hold those responsible for [redacted] death accountable, if the FBI were told the entire truth about [redacted] activities. She advised that she understood.

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[redacted] were contacted at the home of [redacted] were advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the reason for the contact. Also present at the meeting were [redacted] The only individual who spoke English was [redacted], who acted as the interpreter for the interviewing agents. [redacted] can be reached at [redacted]

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[redacted] were asked if they knew that [redacted] was working for the Resistance in Thailand. They stated that he told them that he was having marital problems and needed to get away for a while. They were unaware of his work for the Resistance. They stated that [redacted] was a respected member of the Hmong community, but they did not know of his political activities.

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[redacted] were advised that it would be much easier to hold those responsible for [redacted] death accountable for it if the FBI were told the entire truth about [redacted] activities.

Investigation on 02/21/2001 at Fresno, California

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by SA's [redacted]

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They advised that they understood, and they appreciated the information regarding the investigation into [redacted] disappearance.

It was noted by the interviewing agents that a large framed photograph of General Vang Pao was prominently displayed on the living room wall of [redacted] apartment, next to photographs of [redacted] At the conclusion of the interview, [redacted] was asked if his family supported the General. [redacted] reply was noncommittal. He advised that the picture came with a calendar. [redacted] advised that should he learn anything further regarding [redacted] activities, he would inform the interviewing agents.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/22/2001

To: Bangkok
Counterterrorism

Criminal Investigative

Milwaukee

Minneapolis

Attn: ALALT [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
Room 5425
IRB, IRU II
SSA [redacted]
Green Bay RA
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
Squad 5

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From: Sacramento
FRA2
Contact: SA [redacted] (559) 437-3208

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 163A-BK-342 (Pending) 483
2-MW-39584 (Pending) 49

Title: [redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
MISSING PERSONS;
FPC - LAOS

GENERAL VANG PAO;
dba - Neo Hom;
United Front for the Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters

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Synopsis: Results of the contacts with [redacted] family and with Congressman George Radanovich's office.

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Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Bangkok and Milwaukee are FD-302's of contact with [redacted]

Details: For information of receiving offices, Sacramento, Fresno RA was requested by Milwaukee Case agent to make contact with the family of [redacted] and Congressman George Radanovich to advise them that the FBI's investigation into the disappearance of [redacted] has revealed that the two were not in Thailand as tourists in April 1999 when they disappeared. They were actually there to work for the Resistance. The two men willingly crossed into Laos on a mission for the Resistance. They were arrested by the Lao authorities,

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and as the standard procedure of the Lao when they capture Resistance fighters, were executed within a day or two of their capture. This information was provided to [redacted] family on 02/21/2001, and to [redacted] from Congressman Radanovich's office on 02/22/2001.

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Sacramento was advised that this information had already been provided to [redacted] family and to Congressman Mark Green.

[redacted] continue to deny any knowledge of [redacted] political activities in the United States or in Thailand/Laos. According to the family, [redacted] had advised them that he was experiencing marital problems, and he was going to the Far East for a while "just to get away". They stated that [redacted] was well liked and respected in the family and in the Hmong Community, but they were unaware of his engaging in any political activities.

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It was noted by the interviewing agents that the [redacted] had a large framed picture of General Vang Pao prominently displayed on their living room wall, next to photographs of [redacted] only member of the family who spoke English, was asked if the family supported the General. [redacted] answer was noncommittal. He stated that the picture came with a calendar.

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It was explained to the family that it would be far easier to hold accountable those responsible for [redacted] death if the FBI knew the entire truth about his activities. The family stated that they understood, and that they appreciated the efforts of the FBI to investigate [redacted] disappearance, and the information regarding his presumed demise.

On February 22, 2001, a representative of [redacted] contacted the writer to advise that [redacted] had made an appointment with the Social Security Office to file a claim for death benefits [redacted] was advised by the Social Security Office that she was going to need some sort of document regarding [redacted] death in order for her to collect benefits. [redacted] asked the writer how [redacted] would acquire such a letter from the Government.

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Set Lead 2:

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

Inasmuch as the Fresno RA can not provide [redacted] with official documentation regarding [redacted] death, Counterrorism is requested to determine if or how such a letter could be provided to [redacted] to enable her to collect [redacted] Social Security death benefits, and to provide that information to the Fresno RA for transmittal to [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 01/25/2001

To: Investigative Services

Attn: Language Services Section
Room 7291, [redacted]
202-324-8548

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 8
Contact: SA [redacted] 414/291-4330

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mmv

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-50 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
DBA-NEO HOM;
NEUTRALITY VIOLATION;
04/19/1999

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Synopsis: To request Laotian translation services.

Details: Captioned investigation is a priority international investigation that has attracted the attention of the United States Congress and the Governments of Thailand and Laos. The case is being over seen by the counter terrorism unit, National Security Division at Headquarters.

Through investigation FBI Milwaukee has obtained significant documentation (approximately 400 pages) all of which is written in Laotian. Some of this documentation has been reviewed by a Laotian speaker and concerns activity pertinent to this case.

Language Service Section (LSS) is requested to provide a certified translator for immediate translation support for the 30 priority documents as well as long term support for the remaining 400 documents and as additional documents are received through investigation. It is anticipated translation support will be required for approximately 90 days.

Milwaukee Division has not been able to obtain a Laotian translator from the local population. Of the two prospective candidates Milwaukee has considered, one did not pass his English language test well enough to be a certified linguist and has since lost interest in the program and the other is awaiting language test results. Due to this, a linguist is not immediately available to the division from organic sources.

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LANGUAGE SERVICES

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Language Services is requested to provide Laotian document translation services with in 30 days for a duration of approximately 90 days to the Milwaukee Division.

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FROM: [redacted]
Senior Trial Attorney
Internal Security Section
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice

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TO: [redacted]
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

RE: Information Concerning the Neutrality Laws

In accordance with your request, this memorandum provides a brief summary of the relevant criminal statutes and case law concerning the Neutrality Act.

The two most applicable statutes for our concerns are Title 18, United States Code, Section 960 and 956. These criminal statutes provide the following:

Title 18, United States Code, § 960 - Expedition against friendly nation

Whoever, within the United States, knowingly begins or sets on foot or provides or prepares a means for or furnishes the money for, or takes part in, any military or naval expedition or enterprise to be carried on from thence against the territory or dominion of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people with whom the United States is at peace, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

The elements of a § 960 violation are as follows:

(1) preparations within the United States;

(2) for a military expedition or enterprise;

(3) to be carried on from the United States;

(4) against foreign territory controlled by an entity with which the United States is at peace.

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Section 960 applies by its terms to anyone "within the United States" and is not limited just to U.S. citizens. The

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language "begins or sets on foot," though antiquated, makes it a criminal offense for the first effort or proposal by individuals to form a military enterprise. Pursuant to the language "provides or prepares a means for," acts that aid such a military enterprise, such as contributions of money, clothing, provisions, transportation or arms, constitute an offense. For actions to constitute a "military expedition or enterprise" as those terms are used in the statute, courts have said that there are three required elements: concert of action, arms for a military purpose, and common leadership. The language "carried on from thence" has been interpreted by the courts to allow an expedition to proceed from the United States to an intermediate destination before advancing on its intended target. The requirement that the actions be taken against an entity with which the United States is "at peace" poses some difficulty.

Title 18, United States Code, § 956 - Conspiracy to kill, kidnap, maim, or injure persons or damage property in a foreign country

(a)

(1) Whoever, within the jurisdiction of the United States, conspires with one or more other persons, regardless of where such other person or persons are located, to commit at any place outside the United States an act that would constitute the offense of murder, kidnapping, or maiming if committed in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States shall, if any of the conspirators commits an act within the jurisdiction of the United States to effect any object of the conspiracy, be punished as provided in subsection (a)(2).

(2) The punishment for an offense under subsection (a)(1) of this section is -

(A) imprisonment for any term of years or for life if the offense is conspiracy to murder or kidnap; and

(B) imprisonment for not more than 35 years if the offense is conspiracy to maim.

(b) Whoever, within the jurisdiction of the United States, conspires with one or more persons, regardless of where such other person or persons are located, to damage or destroy specific property situated within a foreign country and belonging to a foreign government or to any political subdivision thereof with which the United States is at peace, or any railroad, canal, bridge, airport, airfield, or other public utility, public conveyance, or public structure, or any religious, educational, or cultural property so situated, shall, if any of the

conspirators commits an act within the jurisdiction of the United States to effect any object of the conspiracy, be imprisoned not more than 25 years.

The elements of a Section 1956 (b) violation are as follows:

(1) a conspiracy between two or more persons;

(2) to damage or destroy specific property situated within a foreign country and belonging to a foreign government or any political subdivision thereof;

(3) or to damage and destroy any railroad, canal, bridge, airport, airfield, or other public utility, public conveyance, or public structure, or any religious, educational, or cultural property so situated;

(4) for a foreign country with which the United States is at peace;

(5) at least one act to effect any object of the conspiracy must be committed within the jurisdiction of the United States.

Under Section 956 (b), the property that was damaged or destroyed, or was the object of the conspiracy to damage or destroy, must be described with a degree of specificity to satisfy the statutory language in paragraphs 2 and 3 supra. The requirement that the United States be "at peace" with the foreign country has withstood constitutional challenge on void for vagueness grounds.

From: [redacted]
To: Bangkok, LEGAT; [redacted]
Date: 3/1/01 2:05AM
Subject: DOJ/ISS/Neutrality elements

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Please find the attached document that Internal Security Section provided for talking points with the Cambodian Government. I just received this and will try to fax it to the embassy in Phnom Penh Wednesday night.

Ed

CC: [redacted]

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TO : Milwaukee

FROM : LEGAT BANGKOK

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/02/2001

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SAC David J. Williams
ASAC Jeffery J. Berkin

From: Milwaukee
Squad 8
b6 b7C **Contact:** SA [redacted] 414-291-4330

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-54 (Pending)

b6 b7C **Title:** [redacted]
DBA-Neo Hom;
Neutrality Act Violation
4/19/99

b6 b7C **Synopsis:** Meeting with AUSA [redacted]

Details: On 01/16/2001, SA [redacted] and AUSA [redacted] discussed the current status of the neutrality act case against Neo Hom and General Vang Pao. SA [redacted] advised a fraud case against Vang Pao and the Neo Hom will be initiated.

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AUSA [redacted] recommended the following: [redacted]

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THE WASHINGTON POST

Recognizing U.S. Allies in 'Secret War'

'Long Overdue' Honors Go to Hmong, Lao Vets

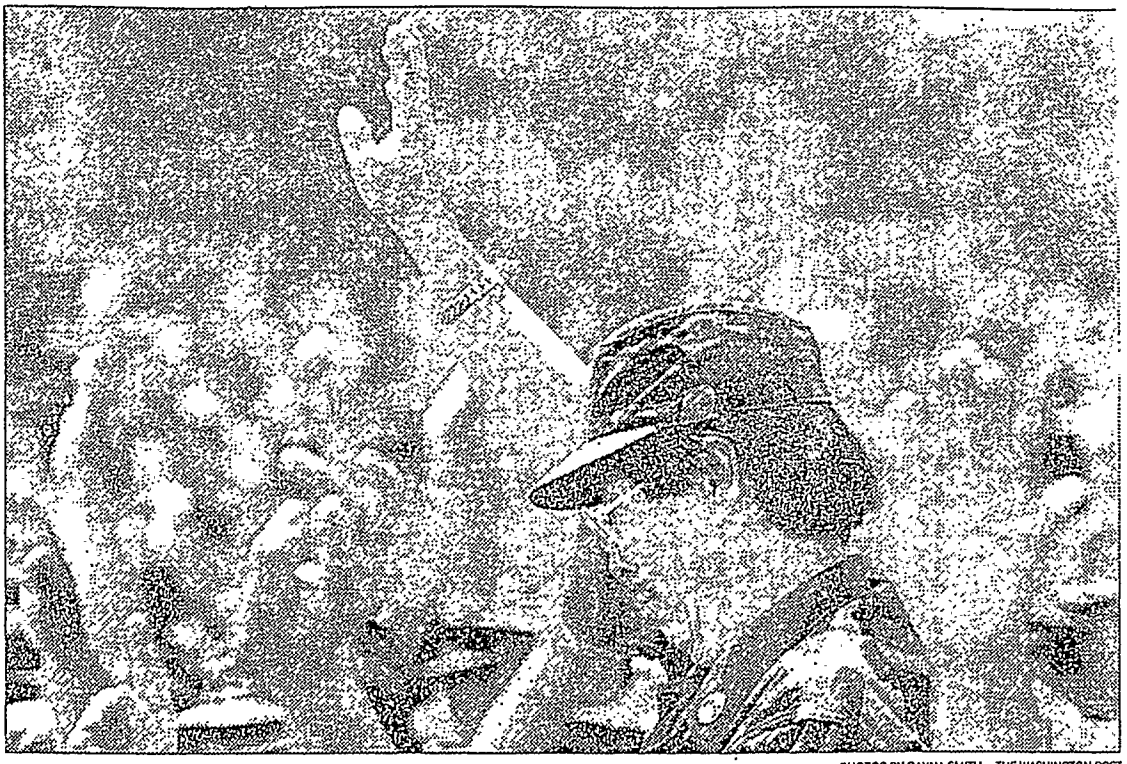
By William Branigin
Washington Post Staff Writer

Twenty-two years ago this month, the predominantly Hmong recruits of America's "secret war" in Laos began a protracted and painful exodus from their homeland as communist forces seized power.

Yesterday, some 3,000 Hmong and Lao veterans and their families gathered at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to receive congressional recognition for the first time, and then marched across the Potomac to commemorate their fateful crossing of the Mekong River into permanent exile.

Clad in jungle camouflage fatigues, flight suits and other uniforms, the veterans stood in formation on the Mall as speakers ranging from serving members of Congress to retired CIA Station chiefs paid tribute to their courage and sacrifice in unsung service of the United States. Among those in attendance were former Special Forces officers, pilots of the top-secret Ravens unit and civilian officials from the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations.

It was a day of what a congressional commendation described as "long overdue recognition" of the CIA-funded army's role in protecting sensitive U.S. installations, rescuing downed American pilots and holding off tens of thousands of North Vietnamese troops who might otherwise have been thrown into combat against U.S. forces.



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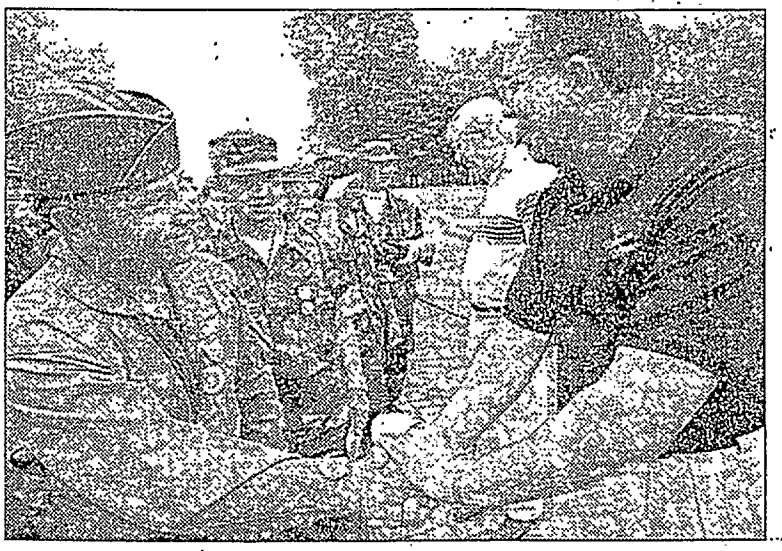

Hmong and Lao veterans who gathered on the Mall to receive congressional recognition raise their hands, above, when a speaker at the ceremonies asked how many had helped rescue downed American pilots flying against North Vietnam during the war in Southeast Asia. Somphao Phomsopha, left, is thanked for his efforts in the CIA's secret army by Sgt. Antonio Cruz of Pennsylvania, who was visiting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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Photo by Jan Housewerth/The Washington Times

Gen. Vang Pao (wearing medal) yesterday stands at a ceremony with about 4,000 fellow Hmong soldiers who fought in Laos under CIA commanders during the Vietnam War. Story, A13.

But it was also a day of atonement for the United States. For in honoring the ethnic Hmong tribal people and Laotians who made up the bulk of the 40,000-member clandestine force, participants in the ceremony acknowledged that America had betrayed them, breaking long-standing promises and abandoning them to bloody reprisals by Lao and Vietnamese communist forces in which untold thousands died.

"There is a real feeling among many people who served there that the Hmong were betrayed," said Philip Smith, the Washington director of Lao Veterans of America, which represents about 40,000 Hmong and Lao veterans and family members. "Many commitments were made to them in the field that were then forgotten in Washington."

Among those who received the Vietnam Veterans National Medal and a congressional citation yesterday was Nor Pao Lor, a disabled 61-year-old Hmong who served in the secret army for 13 years and then spent four more years fighting in the jungles of Laos until forced to flee across the Mekong River to Thailand on a bamboo raft. He then spent eight years in a Thai refugee camp before being accepted for resettlement in the United States. He now lives in Wisconsin.

"We felt very sorry that maybe America forgot us," he said as he stood with a crutch near dozens of his disabled comrades. "It was very painful for us."

As a lieutenant in the army led by Gen. Vang Pao, who was also present yesterday, Nor Pao Lor was wounded three times while defending Lima Site 85, a top-secret U.S. base that was used to direct airstrikes against targets in North Vietnam. Described by historians as perhaps the most critical intelligence-gathering site in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, Lima Site 85 was linked directly to the White House under President Lyndon B. Johnson until the base fell to North Vietnamese troops in 1968.

As Nor Pao Lor told his story, one of the event's speakers, Jane Hamilton-Merritt, who wrote a book called "Tragic Mountains: The Hmong, the Americans, and the Secret Wars for Laos," asked the assembled veterans how many of them had helped rescue a downed American pilot. Hundreds, including Nor Pao Lor, raised their hands.

After the ceremony on the Mall, the veterans marched across Memorial Bridge to Arlington National Cemetery, where they placed flowers on the grave of President John F. Kennedy. Nearby is a memorial that is to be dedicated today to "the U.S. Secret Army, Laos 1961-1973." In the Lao and Hmong languages, the plaque on the granite monument concludes, "You will never be forgotten."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/23/2001

To: National Security **Attn:** SSA [redacted] b6
ND-3D/TGU/5425 b7C
ALAT [redacted]

Bangkok
Milwaukee

From: Milwaukee
Squad 8
Contact: SA [redacted] 414-291-4330

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-56 (Pending)
MW-66F-1696 Sub B

Title: [redacted] b6
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DBA - NEO HOM;
NEUTRALITY MATTER

Synopsis: Meeting with Congressman Mark Green re disappearance of [redacted] b6 b7C

Details: On 2/16/01 Milwaukee SAC David J. Williams Congressional Liaison [redacted] and case agent [redacted] [redacted] met with Congressman Mark Green at Green's Green Bay, Wisconsin office.

Congressman Green was informed that the FBI was investigating the disappearance of [redacted] in Thailand on 4/19/99 and that the investigation indicated that [redacted] [redacted] were part of a resistance movement on a mission to over throw the Government of Laos (GOL). The point was made that [redacted] [redacted] willfully crossed the Mekong River and were most likely apprehended by Lao authorities and killed. b6 b7C

Congressman Green initiated conversation inquiring if any of the men were related to General Vang Pao. He was informed that [redacted] b6 b7C

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Congressman Green was very cordial and accepting of the information and expressed a desire to develop a rapport with the Hmong Community.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/23/2001

To: National Security **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
ND-3D/TGU/5425
ALAT [redacted]

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 8
Contact: SA [redacted] 414-291-4330

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Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-57 (Pending)

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DBA - NEO HOM;
NEUTRALITY MATTER

Synopsis: Meeting with Members of [redacted] family.

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Details: On 2/20/01, SA [redacted] and AUSA [redacted] met with [redacted] at the residence of [redacted]

[redacted] were told by SA [redacted] that after a lengthy inquiry of all the information acquired to date, the FBI strongly believes that [redacted] traveled to Thailand as members of a resistance organization that was engaged in activities to overthrow the Government of Laos (GOL). On 4/19/99, [redacted] wilfully crossed the Mekong River into Laos and were apprehended by Lao authorities and killed soon after. [redacted] family was informed that the information was based on a source that was proven to provide accurate information over a long period of time. No further information was given to the source or specific investigative techniques.

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[redacted] wanted to know if the inquiry into the disappearance of [redacted] was over. SA [redacted] assured her and the family that the matter was not over and the pursuit for answers would continue in the hope that information would be shared with the family. b6 b7C

[redacted] had several issues for the United States (US) State Department. First, [redacted] expressed a desire to go to Laos and Thailand to view the last place that [redacted] was seen and wondered if the US Government would assist with the trip. Second, [redacted] wanted to know what the US State Department was doing about retrieving any remains [redacted]. Third, what actions would be taken against the GOL. Fourth, [redacted] wanted to have contact with an US State Department official concerning further question pertaining to the incident. b6 b7C

The family was told that the US State Department considered the incident to be a serious human rights issue and the GOL would continue to be pressed for answers.

SA [redacted] expressed that the family's cooperation and patience were greatly appreciated and any cooperation from the Hmong community or family would help. The family was advised by SA [redacted] that the truth regarding the mission [redacted] would help hold the GOL responsible and put pressure on the GOL to return the remains [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] expressed to [redacted] that she knew who had sent [redacted] on the mission. b6 b7C

[redacted] were very upset and saddened by the information [redacted] family was not surprised by the information and was very accepting. [redacted] agreed to be the family contact in Wisconsin for SA [redacted] to communicate with in the future. b7D

[redacted] contact information is [redacted] b6 b7C

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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Read and Clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/23/2001

To: National Security **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
ND-3D/TGU/5425
ALAT [redacted]

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Milwaukee

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 8
Contact: SA [redacted] 414-291-4330

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-58 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

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DBA - NEO HOM;
NEUTRALITY MATTER

Synopsis: Meeting with [redacted] and clan members re [redacted]

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Details: On 2/21/01, SA [redacted] met with [redacted] Asian male, [redacted]

[redacted] were told by SA [redacted] that after a lengthy inquiry of all the information acquired to date, the FBI strongly believes that [redacted] traveled to Thailand as members of a resistance organization that was engaged in activities to overthrow the Government of Laos (GOL). On 4/19/99, [redacted] wilfully crossed the Mekong River into Laos and were apprehended by Lao authorities and killed soon after. [redacted] family was informed that the information was based on a source that was proven to provide accurate information over a long period of time.

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No further information was given about the source or specific investigative techniques. [redacted] were very polite and receptive although not surprised by the information. b6 b7C

SA [redacted] advised that the matter was not over and the FBI would persist searching for information pertaining to the incident.

SA [redacted] expressed that the Hmong communities cooperation and patience were greatly appreciated and any future cooperation from the Hmong community or [redacted] family would help. [redacted] were advised by SA [redacted] that the truth regarding the mission [redacted] would help the US State Department hold the GOL responsible and put pressure on the GOL to return the remains [redacted] b6 b7C

SA [redacted] stated that if people in the community would come forward with the truth regarding the mission that [redacted] [redacted] were on, the objectives and locations in Laos they were operating in would help to search for evidence of their fate and remains. b6 b7C

[redacted] replied that if SA [redacted] kept investigating the information that exists, he would learn of the mission objectives of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/26/2001

To: National Security **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
ND-3D/TGU/5425
ALAT [redacted]

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 8
Contact: SA [redacted] 414-291-4330

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-59 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]

DBA - NEO HOM;
NEUTRALITY MATTER

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Referral/Consult

Synopsis: Meeting with [redacted]

Details: On 1/17/01, ASAC [redacted] SSA [redacted] CDC [redacted] and SA [redacted], met with [redacted] concerning former Major General Vang Pao.

[redacted] were informed that General Vang Pao was under investigation for Neutrality Act violations due to information related to the disappearance of [redacted] on 4/19/99.

[redacted] provided the following information:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] male Asian, [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence. Present for the interview was [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was involved in the fight against communism from 1965 to 1975. Beginning as an infantryman on the front lines, [redacted]

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[redacted] has no personal or social knowledge of [redacted] and does not know what [redacted] told United States authorities in reference to the disappearance of the [redacted] [redacted] is not familiar with what General VANG PAO or [redacted] told the United States Congress about the disappearance of [redacted]

[redacted] believes that [redacted] were tricked into crossing into Laos from Thailand by Laotian Government Agents. [redacted] were lead to believe that they did not need a passport or other documentation to cross into Laos, therefore, the Laotian Government could arrest or capture them without any documentation that [redacted] had entered Laos.

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[redacted] advised that gross human rights abuses are committed by the Laotian Government on a regular basis. However, these acts are not known to the rest of the world because the Lao Government does not allow truthful media coverage of these abuses.

[redacted] occasionally speaks with General VANG PAO, [redacted] and other people in the chain of command under General VANG PAO. [redacted] does not speak with [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /dkc

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/23/2001

Source, who is aware of the identity of the interviewing agent provided the following information:

Source provided a letter written in Lao and its English translation, which is regarding a request for money from the Neo Hom dated December 5, 2000, and is purportedly signed by General Vang Pao as the President of the Neo Hom. The individual to whom the money should be sent is [redacted] Source stated that [redacted] Source knows that [redacted]

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Source was recently contacted by [redacted]

Source advised that there is a third group of Resistance fighters in the Laos/Thailand area [redacted] This group is Laotian and is different from either the Neo Hom or from the group loyal to the King of Laos.

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Source advised that Vang Pao [redacted] He has a hotel in Hanoi, a hotel in Singapore, and a house in Minneapolis. [redacted]

Source also advised that Vang Pao [redacted]

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File # [redacted] 2-MW-39584-61; 163-BK-342-486 Date dictated 02/21/2001

by SA [redacted]

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Source stated that [redacted]

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Source advised that another woman will be coming to the interview who speaks no English, [redacted] was in Thailand with [redacted] when they disappeared. Source will translate. [redacted]

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[redacted] requested that her identity remain confidential, provided the following information:

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stated that told her and the rest of the family that he was with on the day they crossed into Laos and disappeared. The group had been sent by Vang Pao to Thailand to run the Resistance movement. The purpose of their trip into Laos was to bring money to the resistance fighters. They were going with soldiers who they had been paying for over a year, so believed them to be trustworthy. This group of soldiers was supposed to help them in their fight to change the Lao government. The group discussed the plan to go into Laos, and told that the plan was foolish. told that if they weren't going to go with them, that they were chicken and that they could just go home. left and went into Laos and disappeared.

returned to Thailand after disappeared

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY **Date:** 02/23/2001

To: Bangkok
Counterterrorism
Investigative Services

Milwaukee

Minneapolis
Sacramento

Attn: ALAT [redacted]
SSA [redacted] Room 5425
SSA [redacted]
IOB, IOS, IOU II
SA [redacted]
Green Bay Resident Agency;
SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted] Squad 5
Stockton RA

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From: Sacramento
FRA2
Contact: SA [redacted] (559) 437-3208

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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SSA #8 insf'd

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-62 (Pending)
163A-BK-342-487 (Pending)

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
dba - Neo Hom;
United Front for the Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters
OO: MP

[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
FPC:LAOS
OO: BK

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Synopsis: Source information at Fresno revealed that [redacted] was in the comapny of [redacted] on the morning of their disappearrance. [redacted]

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Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Bangkok and Milwaukee is a copy of the FD-302 of source and photos of [redacted] Enclosed for Stockton is a photograph of [redacted] and for Sacramento is a photograph of [redacted]

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Details: Source information revealed that [redacted] formerly residing at [redacted] was in the company of [redacted] when they disappeared in Laos on

Taken from ACS, New Leads, Squad 2; Leads assigned to SA [redacted] 03-09-2001 dqw

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04/19/1999. This information further indicates that [redacted] were in the company of several individuals who told them that their plan to cross into Laos was foolish, and that they should not go. [redacted] said that they had been paying the people with whom they were crossing for a year, and that they were trustworthy. [redacted] told the nay-sayers that they were foolish and chicken, and if they weren't going to join them in crossing the Mekong River into Laos, then they could leave. [redacted] and the others left, and [redacted] crossed into Laos and disappeared.

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Source reported that [redacted]

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Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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Set Lead 2:

BANGKOK

AT BANGKOK, THAILAND

Upon receipt of information from Sacramento, interview [redacted]

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Set Lead 3:

SACRAMENTO

AT SACRAMENTO

Interview [redacted] or upon receipt of information from Stockton, [redacted] Assuming that [redacted] has already departed for Thailand, obtain his location and transmit that to ALAT [redacted] LEGAT Bangkok, via e-mail, followed by an EC, so that she can interview him. If [redacted] has remained in Sacramento, interview him regarding his knowledge of [redacted] disappearance in Laos in April 1999. If possible, confirm source's story. In particular, determine the nature of [redacted] business in Laos. Also determine [redacted]

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Set Lead 4:

SACRAMENTO

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Contact [redacted] (protect identity). Inquire as to whether [redacted] has any further information regarding [redacted] location in Thailand or if he is still in the United States. [redacted] Transmit this information to Legat Bangkok, ALAT [redacted] via e-mail, followed by as EC. (Note: [redacted] English is very limited.)

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Contact [redacted] (address unknown) to determine [redacted] whereabouts. If different from above lead to Sactamento, Transmit [redacted] whereabouts as appropriate for him to be interviewed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/23/2001

Source, who is aware of the identity of the interviewing agent provided the following information:

Source provided photographs of [redacted] Source also provided documents relating to [redacted] These documents are dated in 1999 and 2000, and were provided to the source by [redacted] (protect identity), and are attached to this report.

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Source also provided a copy of [redacted] Source provided [redacted] Source also advised that [redacted] Source has no specific information regarding [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/01/2001

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SAC David J. Williams
ASAC Jeffery J. Berkin

From: Milwaukee
Squad 8
Contact: SA [redacted] 414-291-4330 b6 b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-65 (Pending)

Title: CHANGED
[redacted] b6 b7C
DBA-Neo Hom;
Neutrality Act Violation
4/19/99

Synopsis: To change case title and request Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) and Financial Analyst (FA) assistance.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect additional subjects. Title previously carried as [redacted] b6 b7C
DBA- Neo Hom
Neutrality Act Violation
4/19/99".

Details: Request captioned case title be changed to the above to reflect additional subjects.

Due to the complexity of the Neo Hom organization the assistance of IRS [redacted] is requested to construct organizational charts and linkage diagrams. The products will be instrumental to the analysis of this case. b6 b7C

A large number of financial documents have been recovered in the above captioned case. Services of a FA are requested to analyze the documents for furtherance of the investigation.

IRS [redacted] assigned lead per SSA on 3-22-01 (MJ) cc. emailed

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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AT MILWAUKEE, WI

Assign IRS [redacted] duties of constructing organizational charts and diagrams of the Neo Hom for investigative analysis. b6 b7C

Set Lead 2: (Adm)

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

Requested that SAC Milwaukee assign a Financial Analyst to the above captioned case in order to further the investigation.

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Date of transcription 02/28/2001

Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information to SA [redacted] on 02/27/2001:

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He estimates that only about 20 per cent of the Hmong in the United States are still supporting and contributing to Vang Pao's Neo Hom. The majority of those contributors come from the [redacted] Source also advised that he sees no one waiting to take over Vang Pao's leadership role in the Hmong community. Vang Pao is 72 years old and is in poor health. Source advised that Vang has undergone heart surgery and pancreatic surgery in the past year or so. He believes that when Vang Pao dies, the movement will die with him.

Source stated that many Hmong travel to Thailand, ostensibly to work for the resistance. (This is what they tell their families.) [redacted]

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Source stated that the above was not true for [redacted] They were sent by Vang Pao to bring money and to recruit fighters for the resistance. [redacted] was also sent by Vang Pao. Although [redacted] is much younger than most of the Neo Hom supporters, [redacted] Of course, Source advised, that all these promises, to [redacted] and to all the others, are fraudulent. Vang Pao has no authority to appoint any one [redacted] in Laos, under the current regime, or under the one he is supposedly fighting for in which the King is restored. The King has told Vang Pao that ministers and other government officials in Laos will be appointed through merit, and not as a result of financial contributions to Vang Pao.

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by SA [redacted]

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On 03/16/2001 at approximately 7:30 a.m., [redacted] date of birth [redacted] was contacted at his residence, [redacted] reference his knowledge of [redacted] whereabouts. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] is living in [redacted] was unsure of the exact address but thinks it is [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/28/2001

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Green Bay RA

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From: Sacramento
FRA2
Contact: SA [redacted] (559) 437-3208

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending)

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
dba Neo Hom;
Neutrality Matter

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Synopsis: Transmittal of Source [redacted]

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Milwaukee are two copies of interview of SC Source.

Details: See self explanatory FD-302

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(916) 977-2347

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To: Milwaukee From: Sacramento
Re: 2-MW-39584, 02/28/2001

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY **Date:** 03/22/2001

To: Bangkok **Attn:** ALAT [redacted]
Counterterrorism SSA [redacted] Room 5425
Investigative Services SSA [redacted]
IOB, IOS, IOU II
b6 Milwaukee SA [redacted]
b7C Green Bay Resident Agency;
SSA [redacted]
Minneapolis SA [redacted] Squad 5
Sacramento SA [redacted]

From: Sacramento
Stockton Violent Crime Fugitive Task Force
Contact: SA [redacted] 209-473-0190

b6 **Approved By:** [redacted]
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Drafted By: [redacted] :abm

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 68 (Pending)
163A-BK-342 (Pending)

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
dba - Neo Hom;
United Front for the Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters
OO: MP

b6 [redacted] - VICTIM;
b7C [redacted] - VICTIM;
FPC:LAOS
OO: BK

Synopsis: Report results of lead investigation.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 487

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Bangkok is one original and two copies of FD-302 and FD-340 containing interview notes from interview with [redacted]

b6 **Details:** [redacted] no longer lives at [redacted]
b7C [redacted] The real estate manager of the home and neighbors indicated that she moved [redacted] to live with relatives. She did not leave a forwarding address with neighbors or the realtor

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence. He reported that [redacted] was currently living with [redacted] He had no contact with [redacted] and believed that she was still living at her residence [redacted]

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Stockton RA considers this lead covered.

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To: Bangkok From: Sacramento
Re: 2-MW-39584, 03/22/2001

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/12/2001

Source, not in a position to testify provided the following information:

Source was contacted by [redacted] [redacted] both Asian males, concerning a meeting of Hmong clan leaders that are loyal to General VANG PAO in California, during the weekend of the 27th and 28th of January, 2001. The subject of the meeting was to unite the Hmong people under one leader. General VANG PAO felt too many Hmong people were following leaders other than General VANG PAO. b6 b7C b7D

General VANG PAO did not stay for the entire meeting. General VANG PAO reportedly showed up and made a brief opening statement and left. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Source provided a letter of invitation to the meeting. The letter states the subject for the meeting and a list of eighteen clan leaders loyal to General VANG PAO that were invited to attend. The document was signed by General VANG PAO and is attached to this FD-302.

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by SA [redacted] dkc

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Source not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

The January 24th, 2001, bomb blast that occurred at a Lao immigration station at the north end of the Freedom Bridge across from Nong Kahl, Thailand, in Southern Laos could not have been the result of a Hmong resistence group such as NEO HOM or CHAO FA.

The southern portion of Laos is where Laotian resistence groups operate. The Hmong resistence groups operate in the northwestern and north central parts of Laos.

Hmong resistence groups are not sophisticated enough to be able to infiltrate a populated area and plant an explosive device in a government building. Hmong resistence groups are likely to ambush a government vehicle driving on a rural road or a small group of government soldiers on patrol in the jungle.

Source stated that [redacted] Asian male, [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] dkc

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Date of transcription 02/15/2001

Source not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

Source advised that during the September 2000 Lao Hmong Labor Day celebration in Green Bay, Wisconsin the festival made approximately $200,000 in revenue. One hundred and sixty thousand dollars was paid for festival expenses and the remaining $40,000 was given to General VANG PAO. Source stated that [redacted] Asian male, [redacted]

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Source advised that General VANG PAO uses three events to raise money. The July 4th Hmong celebration in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, the Labor Day festival in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the New Years celebration in late December to the 1st of January in California are used to raise money for General VANG PAO and NEO HOM.

Investigation on 02/09/01 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin (telephonically)

File # [redacted] 2-MW-39584-71 Date dictated 02/09/01

by SA [redacted] dkc

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
March 22, 2001

MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO;
NEO HOM;
NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATION;
APRIL 19, 1999

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Milwaukee Field Office, requests information from the Central Intelligence Agency of any resistance activities directed by former Major General Vang Pao, Neo Hom or persons suspected of acting on behalf of Vang Pao or Neo Hom.

This information is requested to enhance the knowledge of threats to United States Citizens and interests in Southeast Asia.

Any information that pertains to the disappearance of [redacted] on April 19, 1999, in the vicinity of Chiang Kong, Thailand would be of great value to assist the FBI in bringing closure to this incident.

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To date the FBI has learned the following: Vang Pao and the Neo Hom are active in conducting and supporting resistance activities in Laos. Vang Pao uses his popular appeal to raise money in the United States to fund operations in Laos. It is suspected Vang Pao raised money that assisted in funding some of the bombings that have occurred in Laos since the spring of 2000.

Despite Vang Pao's history and past performance, information indicates that [redacted] of the Chao Fa resistance movement is currently [redacted] South East Asia. The Laos resistance community views Vang Pao and Neo Hom in declining prominence due to a lack of recent Neo Hom accomplishments against the Lao Government. Many view Vang Pao as having become "soft" in the United States and as such has failed to command respect of resistance members involved in the conflict.

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Major General Vang Pao and Neo Hom activities
February 22nd, 2001

Finally, the January 24th, 2001, bombing at a Lao immigration station at the North end of the Friendship Bridge located 20 Kilometers East of Vientiane is reported to be the responsibility of a Lao resistance group. The Hmong resistance groups operate further to the northwest and lack the technical sophistication to carry out a bombing in a populated area. Additionally, Hmongs would physically stand out against the Lao majority located in the region around Vientiane and would raise suspicion of Lao authorities.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/22/2001

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Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-75 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
DBA-NEO HOM;
NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATION;
4/19/99

Synopsis: To provide information on [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] and General Vang Pao.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are Letter Head Memorandums (LHM) dated 2/27/01 and 3/22/01.

Details: On 02/12/01, a source provided information on [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
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The 3/22/01 LHM is information of interest to the Central Intelligence Agency regarding recent activities by General Vang Pao and Neo Hom.

Further details are in the enclosed LHMs.

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Provide copies of the enclosed LHMs to the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Date of transcription 03/05/2001

[redacted] Asian male, [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment. After being informed of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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In late January or early February 1999, [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] had to go to Thailand very soon and would not disclose the nature or purpose of the trip. [redacted] asked [redacted] if [redacted] would pay [redacted] 1998 income taxes while he was away. [redacted] thought this request was suspicious along with the fact that [redacted] would not talk about the trip in detail.

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[redacted] acknowledged that NEO HOM is a secret organization and part of the resistence against the Lao government. [redacted] kept his political opinions and activities to himself and [redacted] did not know if [redacted] was a member of the resistence.

In June of 1999, [redacted] spoke with [redacted] concerning the disappearance of [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] made a decision to go across the border into Laos and [redacted] went with him and they were not heard from again. [redacted] would not elaborate on why [redacted] made the decision to go across the border or what [redacted] was doing in Thailand. [redacted] is not willing to speak with the [redacted] family and give details concerning the disappearance of [redacted] suspects that [redacted] knows the entire truth concerning [redacted] disappearance.

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Investigation on 02/28/01 at Appleton, Wisconsin

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by SA [redacted] /dkc

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General VANG PAO, [redacted] and other Hmong leaders in the upper echelon in the Hmong community have disappointed and abandoned the [redacted] family. VANG PAO and associates have not communicated any useful information to the [redacted] family concerning the disappearance of [redacted] does not personally know General VANG PAO and [redacted] does not feel he or his family can approach VANG PAO concerning information about the fate of [redacted] [redacted] VANG PAO and [redacted] are not willing to give helpful information to the [redacted] family or the United States Government to aid in the investigation of [redacted] disappearance. [redacted] has not heard of any reaction or response from VANG PAO or his associates since information was relayed to the [redacted] family on February 20th and 21st, 2001, regarding the believed death of [redacted]

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[redacted] emphasized that he wanted the people involved in the death of [redacted] and the Laotian government held responsible. [redacted] wants the [redacted] family to travel to Thailand and visit the last place [redacted] was seen before crossing the Mekong River into Laos. [redacted] wants any possible remains of [redacted] returned to the family for a Hmong burial ceremony.

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The news of the death of [redacted] brought great sadness to the [redacted] family. [redacted] described [redacted] as being a very positive and open-minded man who was a strong voice in the Hmong community in Appleton, Wisconsin. [redacted] When [redacted] became missing there was a great silence that fell over the Hmong community do to his absence.

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